

Torrance, California
December 14, 1937

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, December 14, 1937, at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held November 23, 1937, an adjourned regular meeting held November 30, 1937, and an adjourned meeting of an adjourned regular meeting held December 9, 1937 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Associated Division of Tide Water Associated Oil Company was read. This communication was in regard to Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 1351 within the City of Torrance.

A communication from the Civil Service Board, informing the Council that an eligible list was ready as a result of the November 6 examinations, was read.

A communication from the Automobile Club of Southern California, dealing with the traffic hazard caused by left turns, was read. It was requested that the police department adopt a progressive policy of forbidding left turns at times and places where to do so will reduce traffic accidents.

A communication from Victor D. McCarthy, City Clerk of El Segundo, was read. This communication advised that an important special meeting of City Officials, prosecuting the street lighting cost reduction matter, will be held in the City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on December 16, 1937. It was requested that some official authorized to speak for the City of Torrance be present at this meeting. Mr. Leonard, City Engineer, volunteered to attend the meeting.

Attorney Rippy stated that he had received a model ordinance regulating race track booking agencies.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Attorney be authorized to investigate this matter thoroughly, contacting the League of Municipalities and other towns who are working on this same problem. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy brought up the subject of an old case which has been pending about six years against Dominguez Estates Company. As no records are available on this case, it was decided to investigate the matter further before any action is taken.

After some discussion regarding appropriating funds for the boy scout movement, it was decided to take this matter up at a later date.

Attorney Rippy stated that, since so little time had elapsed since the interested parties received copies of the resolution of findings on Water Works Municipal Improvement District No. 2, he had not prepared the resolution of intention to begin work.

It was decided that this matter would be held over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Deininger read a report of income and disbursements submitted by the Water Department.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a meeting be called for Monday, December 20, 1937 at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of investigating trees for possible removal. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for replacing a broken light standard. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A question arose as to whether or not the interested parties would have another opportunity to protest against the formation of the proposed Municipal Improvement District No. 2. Attorney Rippy advised that the protests which had been filed were out of order to a certain extent, in that each protest was made against the formation of or inclusion in the district, whereas it should have been made against the contents of or in connection with the form of the report prepared under the Debt Limitations Act. Therefore, the protests must be made again under the Improvement Statutes.

After some discussion on the drainage problem, Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$365.00 be made for drainage work to be done at Carson and Border Streets. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Leonard was instructed to notify the Pacific Electric Company of these proceedings.

Councilman Deininger moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:43 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned to Monday, December 20, 1937, at 4:45 p.m.

A. H. Bantist
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Tolson
Mayor of the City of Torrance.